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- 1. Arturo Alessandri, who made a speech on 23 November 1948 before the Chilean Senate praising Peron and absolving Argentina from complicity in the recent plot against the Gonzalez Videla Government, originally planned to attack Argentina in this speech.
- 2. When the tenor of Alessandri's proposed remarks became known to Peron through Argentine intelligence channels, Peron announced his intention of decorating Alessandri and bestowing the Order of the Liberator medal upon him. Alessandri, who is now President of the Chilean Senate, frantically revised his speech at the last minute, and he has accepted the Argentine decoration.

